



AIR FORCE YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PUBLICATION IS MANDATORY

AFI 34-801, 25 July 1994, is supplemented as follows:

2.7.2. (Added)(SAFB) LATCHKEY CHILD CARE POLICY: The following establishes guidelines for sponsors of minor children concerning appropriate ages and conditions under which children may be left alone in Military Family Housing or in any public areas on Sheppard AFB.

2.7.2.1. The following guidelines do not alter or amend any existing Air Force or DoD regulations establishing the responsibility of military members to supervise and provide for their family members. Essentially, military members must provide for the care and nurturance of their dependent children. Moreover, the privilege to occupy base housing is predicated on the proper supervision and control by parents over the behavior and actions of their children.

2.7.2.2. Parents are encouraged to make full use of the Child Development Center, the Youth Activities Center School Age Program, and Family Day-Care Homes on base as much as possible to provide supervision for their minor children during the workday.

2.7.2.3. Arrangements with neighbors for care of children must be limited to 10 hours per week. Persons providing child care in excess of 10 hours per week, whether paid or unpaid, require licensing by the Support Group Commander through the Base Family Home Day-Care Coordinator.

2.7.2.4. If a child under the age of 18 is being left in the care of a person other than a parent or legal guardian, a medical power of attorney should be given to a responsible adult in case the need for medical care for the child should arise.

2.7.2.5. BASE PUBLIC FACILITIES: In facilities which are enclosed and have specific functions such as the base theater, base swimming pools, or bowling centers, each facilities' specific rules, pertinent AF Instructions, Ois, and guidelines will apply.

2.7.2.6. Incidents and problems reported to base agencies (e.g., Security Police, Family Advocacy, etc.) involving children left at home alone or unattended at public facilities will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and may include case investigations by Family Advocacy, and/or restrictions being placed on sponsors and children utilizing base public facilities.

2.7.2.7. The policies mentioned above are meant to be minimum standards and in no way absolve sponsors from their responsibility for the safety and well being of their family members, as indicated by other DoD, AF, and local regulations.

2.7.2.8. Points of contact concerning latchkey children policies on Sheppard AFB are:

2.7.2.8.1. Services Squadron, Youth Flight Chief

2.7.2.8.2. Family Home Day-Care Coordinator

2.7.2.8.3. Family Advocacy Officer

2.7.2.8.4. Youth Activities Director

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